



SPIRITUAL GIFT ASSESSMENT



INTRODUCTION TO MY FIT ASSESSMENT

The following pages of this booklet will help you begin the process of understanding how it is that God has shaped you for ministering for the Kingdom of God. Today there is a lot of emphasis in our world on being fit, physically. Part of the reason there is such an emphasis is because of all the benefits that being fit brings to a person such as: controls weight, combats health conditions (disease), improves our mood, helps boost our energy levels and even promotes better sleep.

Knowing how God has shaped us Spiritually also carries with it great benefits, such as: it allows us to perform and function the way that God intended, it brings fulfillment and satisfaction fulfilling the purpose for which we were made (bringing Glory to and knowing God intimately), it brings peace that really does pass all understanding and it allows us to see things accomplished in our life that could not and will not be brought about any other way. The truth is that God has made us the way we are and with a specific purpose **Job 10:8a** "Your hands shaped me and formed me..." In fact God started uniquely shaping you even before you were born, **Psalms 139:16** "Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began." **No one is shaped just like You!**

1 Corinthians 12:7 "A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial:"

1 Corinthians 12:12 "For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ."

This assessment will point you in the right direction of helping to identify your spiritual gifts. A spiritual gift is a manifestation of the Spirit. Spiritual gifts are for the common good of the church. God gifts individuals spiritually born again (members of the church) to equip and build up the body of Christ. As you grow, mature and develop in Christ you will better understand your gifts and how you can use them for His purposes.

The assessment is a spiritual gift tendency study. This particular assessment is not a complete listing of spiritual gifts, but rather a listing of the most common gifts that easily fit into ministries within the First Baptist Church of O'Fallon's ministry base. The Bible describes the church as the visible body of Christ. God chose the human body as the analogy of the church because the body of Christ is a living organism. The church is a living body, unified in purpose while diverse in the parts. As you complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment on the following pages, the references to "the body" are referring to the body of the church. Each member has a place in the body, and every part belongs. To feel you do not belong to your church because you are not like those who seem to be more visible is to deny how God put the church together. Every member belongs!

Your spiritual gift is not a special ability you develop on your own - it is a skill given to you by the Holy Spirit. You do not seek a spiritual gift. However, you should prayerfully seek to understand how God already has gifted you for His purposes. For further study, in your Bible read Ephesians 4:1-16 and 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 which relate to spiritual gifts.

DIRECTIONS

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The Spiritual Gifts Assessment consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.

Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.

Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items. Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer. Work at your own pace.

Your response choices are:

- 5 Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
- 4 Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
- 3 Frequently characteristic of me/true for me about 50 percent of the time
- 2 Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me about 25 percent of the time
- 1 Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me

 1.	I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively.
 2.	I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
 3.	I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
 4.	I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
 5.	I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
 6.	I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary.
 7.	I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
 8.	I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions.
 9.	I enjoy studying.
 10.	I have delivered God's message of warning and judgement.
 11.	I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements.
 12.	I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations.
 13.	I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches.
 14.	I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help.
 15.	I enjoy entertaining guests in my home.
 16.	I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me.
 17.	I can delegate and assign meaningful work.
18.	I have an ability and desire to teach.

 19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
 20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
 21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
 22. I have an acute awareness of the emotions of other people, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and ange
 23. I am a cheerful giver.
 24. I spend time digging into facts.
 25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.
 26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
 27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). I am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
 28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
 29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other lands.
 30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
 31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
 32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
 33. I have the ability to plan learning approaches.
 34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
 35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.
 36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
 37. I am attracted to people who are hurting.
 38. I am a generous giver.
 39. I am able to discover new truths.
 40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
 41. I can sense when a person is acting in accord with God's will.
 42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
 43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
 44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
 45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
 46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
 47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group.
 48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decisions.
 49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.
50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.

 51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvati
 52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feeling of those in distress.
 53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.
 54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
 55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
 56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
 57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
 58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
 59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.
 60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
 61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.
 62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
 63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
 64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
 65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
 66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
 67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
 68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
 69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
 70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
 71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
 72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
 73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation.
 74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
 75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christlike lives.
 76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.
 77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
 78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
 79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
 80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seems impossible.

Spiritual Gift Assessment Scoring Your Assessment

Follow these directions to figure your score for each spiritual gift:

- 1. Place in each box your numerical response (1-5) to the item number which is indicated below the box.
- 2. For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put the total in the TOTAL box.

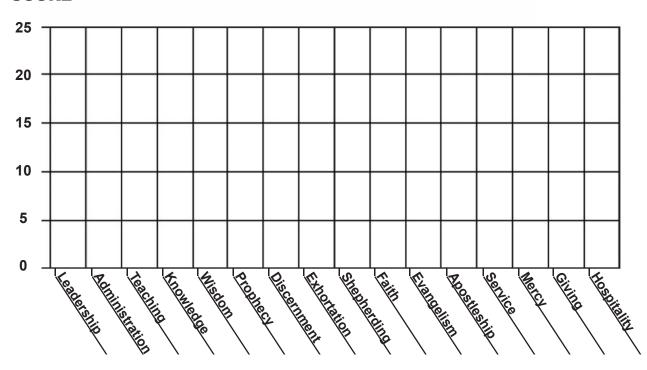
LEADERSHIP	Item 6	Item 16	Item 27	Item 43	Item 65	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION	Item 1	Item 17	Item 31	Item 47	Item 59	TOTAL
TEACHING	Item 2	Item 18	Item 33	Item 61	Item 73	TOTAL
KNOWLEDGE	Item 9	Item 24	Item 39	Item 68	Item 79	TOTAL
WISDOM	Item 3	Item 19	Item 48	Item 62	Item 74	TOTAL
PROPHECY	Item 10	Item 25	Item 40	Item 54	Item 69	TOTAL
DISCERNMENT	Item 11	Item 26	Item 41	Item 55	Item 70	TOTAL
EXHORTATION	Item 20	Item 34	Item 49	Item 63	Item 75	TOTAL
SHEPHERDING	Item 4	Item 21	Item 35	Item 50	Item 76	TOTAL
FAITH	Item 12	Item 28	Item 42	Item 56	Item 80	TOTAL
EVANGELISM	Item 5	Item 36	Item 51	Item 64	Item 77	TOTAL
APOSTLESHIP	Item 13	Item 29	Item 44	Item 57	Item 71	TOTAL
SERVICE/HELPS	Item 14	Item 30	Item 46	Item 58	Item 72	TOTAL
MERCY	Item 7	Item 22	Item 37	Item 52	Item 66	TOTAL
GIVING	Item 8	Item 23	Item 38	Item 53	Item 67	TOTAL
HOSPITALITY	Item 15	Item 32	Item 45	Item 60	Item 78	TOTAL

Graphing Your Profile

- 1. For each gift place a mark across the bar at the point that corresponds to your TOTAL for that gift.
- 2. For each gift shade the bar below the mark that you have drawn.

The resultant graph gives a picture of your gifts. Gifts for which the bars are tall are the ones in which you appear to be strongest. Gifts for which the bars are very short are the ones in which you appear not to be strong. For a definition of each gift, turn to page 7.

SCORE



When you have completed scoring your spiritual gifts assessment and graphing your profile, transfer your responses below. List the three gifts with the highest scores.

- 1. _____
- 2._____
- 3.

Glossary of Inventoried Spiritual Gifts

Prophecy (*Mouth*) The gift of prophecy is proclaiming the Word of God boldly which leads to conviction of sin and builds up the body. Prophecy manifests itself in preaching and teaching. (1 Corinthians 12:10; Romans 12:6)

Service/Helps (*A hand*) Those with the gift of service or helps recognize practical needs in the body and joyfully give assistance to meet those needs. Those with this gift do not mind working behind the scenes. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7)

Teacher/Teaching (*Mind*) Teaching is instructing members in the truths and doctrines of God's Word for the purposes of building up, unifying and maturing the body. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11)

Exhortation (*Arms*) Exhortation is encouraging members to be about the work of the Lord. Members with this gift are good counselors and motivate others to service. Exhortation exhibits itself in preaching, teaching and ministry. (Romans 12:8)

Giving (A hand) Members with this gift give freely and joyfully to the work and mission of the body. Cheerfulness and liberality are characteristics of this gift. (Romans 12:8)

Leadership (*An eye*) Leadership aids the body by leading and directing others to accomplish the goals and purposes of the body. Leadership motivates people to work together in unity toward common goals. (Romans 12:8)

Administration (*An eye*) This gift leads the body by steering others to stay on the intended direction of the body. Administration helps the body to organize for action according to long term goals and purposes. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Mercy (*Heart*) Those with this gift aid the body by empathizing with hurting members in order to keep the body healthy and unified by keeping others aware of the needs within the body. Cheerful acts of compassion characterize this gift. (Romans 12:8)

Apostle (*A foot*) The church sends apostles from the body to plant churches or to be missionaries. Apostles motivate the body to look beyond its walls in order to carry out the Great Commission. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11)

Evangelism (*A foot*) God gifts his church with evangelists to lead others to Christ effectively and enthusiastically. This gift builds up the body by adding new members to its fellowship. (Ephesians 4:11)

Shepherding (*Knees*) This gift looks out for the spiritual welfare of those in its care. Shepherding is not limited to a pastor or staff. Shepherds, like pastors, care for members of the church. (Ephesians 4:11)

Word of Wisdom (*Right Brain*) Wisdom is the gift that discerns the work of the Holy Spirit in the body and applies its teachings and actions to the needs of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Word of Knowledge (*Left Brain*) Knowledge is the God given ability to learn, know and explain the truths of God's Word. A word of knowledge is a Spirit-revealed truth. This gift manifests itself in teaching and discipleship training. (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Faith (*Temperament*) Faith trusts God to work beyond the human capabilities of the people. Believers with this gift encourage others by trusting in the face of apparently insurmountable odds. (1 Corinthians 12:9)

Glossary of Inventoried Spiritual Gifts

Discernment (*Ears*) This gift aids the body by recognizing the true intentions of those within or related to the body. Discernment tests the message and actions of others for the protection and well being of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

Hospitality (*Arm*) Hospitality is the ability to make others feel comfortable and at home. Those with this gift delight in opening their hearts and homes to individuals or Group. They seek to help others realize personal significance in Christ. (Hebrews 13:2; I Peter 4:9-10)

Tongues/Interpretation The ability to pray in a language understood only by God or one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time. (1 Corinthians 14:13-15)

*Why We Do Not Allow This Gift in Our Services

This gift caused a problem in the Corinthian church, and Paul had to write an entire chapter (1 Corinthians 14) of guidelines.

- 1. It is for personal edification, not for the whole church. "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who preaches edifies the church." (1 Corinthians 14:4)
- 2. We are to focus on building up others, not ourselves. "Unless you speak intelligible words...you will just be speaking into the air...try to excel in the gifts that build up the church." (1 Corinthians 14:9 & 12)
- 3. It confuses unbelievers in the service. "...if some unbelievers come in, will they not say you are out of your mind?" (1 Corinthians 14:23)
- 4. **Ideally, it is not meant to be used in the worship service.** "In the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, stop thinking like children!" (1 Corinthians 14:19-20)

"The gift of speaking God's message should be under the speaker's control, because God does not want us to be in disorder, but in harmony and peace." (1 Corinthians 14:32-33)

How to Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware." (1 Corinthians 12: 1)

Secure your trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Pray. (James 1:56)

Involve yourself in Bible study. (2 Timothy 2:15)

Read books about spiritual gifts. Include others in your motives to learn. (Philippians 2:15)

Inquire. In our weakness we have the help of the Holy Spirit. We are limited but the indwelling Spirit is not. (Romans 8:26,27)

Tell others what you discover. (Ephesians 4:14-16)

Unleash God's Spirit to do his work through you. (Ephesians 5:18, John 14)

Allow others to confirm spiritual gifts in your life. (I Timothy 4:15)

Love is the "greatest of these:" (I Corinthians 13:8-13)

I Peter 4:10 "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Spiritual Gift & Ministry Match-Up

Match your Spiritual Gift(s) with a ministry or place of service

NOTES

- Some gifts may manifest themselves in similar ways, so a person with a certain gift may be useful in an area not
 specifically listed. An example are the gifts of prophecy, teaching, exhortation, shepherd, wisdom, and knowledge, which
 all have teaching as a manifestation. Even if a teaching position is not listed, a person with these gifts may still serve in a
 teaching capacity.
- Items with one asterisk are potential ministry opportunities. These may be developed as the Holy Spirit adds leadership and personnel to the body.
- Items with a double asterisk are positions that are only available on an as needed basis.

ADMINISTRATION

The ability to work through others and achieve Biblical goals and organizational objectives.

Team Chairperson Men's Bible Study Leader Criminal Justice Ministry Personnel Team Homebound Team Celebrate Recovery* College Ministry Men's Ministry Team Teller Team Christian Academy Team Historical Team	Life Group Director Media Ministry Leader Prayer Team Job Counseling** Deacon Orchestra Leader Media Team - Tech Women's Ministry Team Preschool Volunteer Finance Team Hospitality Team	Women's Bible Study Leader Life Group Care Group Leader Trustees Media Center Leader Children's Choir Volunteer Bus and Van Team Deaf Ministry* Missions Team Properties Team AWANA Secretary Nominating Team
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AWANA Leader	Stewardship Team**	Nominating ream

APOSTLESHIP

The ability to minister in cross cultural situations with the goal of planting churches.

Home Outreach Bible Study Leader*	International Missions Volunteer	National Missions Volunteer
Missions Team	Youth Mission Work	Hispanic Ministry Leader**
Reaching Ministry-Weekly Outreach	Life Group Mission Leader	

DISCERNMENT

The ability to distinguish between right and wrong, truth and error, and what is holy and evil.

Worship Team	Christian Life Team	Outreach / Evangelism Leader
Personnel Team	Life Group Care Group Leader	Staff Search Team**
Benevolence Team	Decision Team / Altar Assistant	Welcome Team
Teller Team	Parking Team	Properties Team
Christian Academy Team	Finance Team	Criminal Justice Ministry
Prayer Team	Celebrate Recovery*	•

Spiritual Gift & Ministry Match-Up

EVANGELISM

The ability to share your faith effortlessly and effectively, resulting in the salvation of other individuals.

VBS Publicity and Follow-up Outreach Bible Study Leader* Decision Team / Altar Assistant Men's Ministry Team

Criminal Justice Ministry

Life Group Outreach Leader Testimony in Worship Deaf Ministry*

Women's Ministry Team

Reaching Ministry: Weekly Outreach

Phone Bank Caller College Ministry

Hispanic Ministry** Missions Team

FAITH

The special ability to trust in the power and the presence of God and to act according to this trust.

Deacon Decision Team / Altar Assistant**

Stewardship Team**

Prayer Team Celebrate Recovery* Finance Team Missions Team

EXHORTATION

The ability to offer encouragement, challenge or give advice in appropriate ways.

Worship & Arts Leader Life Group Care Group Leader

Hospital Visitation Children's Ministry College Ministry Drama Ministry **Baptismal Team** Christian Life Team **Criminal Justice Ministry**

Adult Life Group Teacher

Music Ministry **VBS** Teacher Reaching Ministry-Weekly Outreach Decision Team / Altar Assistant Puppet Ministry / Children's Ministry

Job Counseling** Celebrate Recovery* Student Life Group Teacher

Usher Team Prayer Leader Orchestra Ministry Deaf Ministry* Missions Team **Prayer Team AWANA Leaders**

GIVING

The ability to earn, manage and spend money wisely for the Lord's work.

Money Management Teacher Stewardship Testimony Missions Team

Benevolence Team Food Pantry Ministry StewardshipTeam/Building Fund** Treasurer Finance Team **Teller Team**

HOSPITALITY

The ability to make others feel comfortable and at home.

Life Group Outreach Leader **Greeters Team**

Wedding Team Hospitality Team Deaf Ministry* **Recreation Team** Celebrate Recovery*

Life Group Class Fellowship Leader

Parking Team Welcome Team **Usher Team**

Spiritual Gift & Ministry Match-Up

KNOWLEDGE

The ability to master Biblical truth and know how to apply it to life.

Life Group Division Director Discipleship Training Leader Missions Team

Life Group Teacher Deaf Ministry* Decision Team / Altar Assistant
Music Ministry College Ministry Drama Ministry

Hispanic Ministry** Men's Ministry Team Women's Ministry Team AWANA Leader Puppet Ministry / Children's Ministry Celebrate Recovery*

LEADERSHIP

The ability to set goals, invite people and motivate others to accomplish great things in the church.

Life Group Director Safety / Security Team Finance Team Deacon Celebrate Recovery* Life Group Teacher Deaf Ministry Leader* Life Group Care Group **AWANA Leader** College Ministry Welcome Team Men's Ministry Team Women's Ministry Team Missions Team Christian Academy Team Hospitality Team Nominating Team

PROPHECY

The ability to understand, speak and apply God's word in situations requiring correction and edification.

Adult Bible Teacher Men's Bible Study Leader Couple's Bible Study Leader

Discipleship Training Leader Women's Bible Study Leader Life Group Teacher

Puppet Ministry / Children's Ministry Drama Ministry Student Bible Study Leader

MERCY

The ability to aid the underprivileged and suffering in ways which meet their emotional, physical, and spiritual needs.

Food Pantry Volunteer

Special Needs Volunteer*

Preschool Volunteer

Life Group Care Group Leader

Reaching Ministry-Weekly Outreach

Criminal Justice Ministry

Deacon

Decision Team / Altar Assistant** Deaf Ministry* Hispanic Ministry**

Nursing Home Ministry Celebrate Recovery* Personnel Team

Christian Life Team Prayer Team Life Group Activity Leader

Benevolence Team Bereavement Team*

WISDOM

The ability to understand and use Biblical knowledge and concepts in practical ways.

Life Group Care Group Leader
Life Group Teacher
Discipleship Training Leader
Bible Study Leader
Drama Ministry
Reaching Ministry-Weekly Outreach
Missions Team
Puppet Ministry / Children's Ministry
Celebrate Recovery*

Finance Team Personnel Team

Spiritual Gift & Ministry Match-Up

SERVICE/ HELPS

The ability to assist in behind the scenes ministries.

Choral Ministry Office Volunteer Hospitality Team
Life Group Activity Leader Vacation Bible School Leader Properties Team

Deaf Ministry*

Job Counseling*

Life Group Care Group Leader

Life Group Care Group Leader

Life Group Outreach Leader Phone Bank Caller Media Center Team
Parking Team Deacon Greeter Team

Recreation Team

Life Group Secretary

Missions Team

Reaching Ministry: Weekly Outreach

Bus and Van Team

Camp Volunteer College Ministry Media Team - Tech
Drama Ministry Food Pantry Ministry Media Team - Audio
Welcome Team Library Team Media Team - Video**

Welcome Team Library Team Media Team - Video**
Women's Ministry Team AWANA Leader Nursing Home Ministry
Teller Team Puppet Ministry / Children's Ministry Preschool Volunteer

Celebrate Recovery* Baptismal Team Men's Ministry Team
Safety / Security Team Welcome Team Worship Center Dècor Team

Historical Team (Photographer) Landscaping Team Nominating Team
Personnel Team Christian Life Team Usher Team

Orchestra Ministry

SHEPHERD

The ability to lead, teach and protect a group of believers in Christ.

Prayer Team Single Adult Ministry Life Group Director

Life Group Teacher Deacon Life Group Care Group Leader Student Ministry Leader Discipleship Training Leader Home Bible Study Leader*

College Ministry

Reaching Ministry: Weekly Outreach
Hispanic Ministry**

Nursing Home Ministry

Preschool Volunteer

Celebrate Recovery* AWANA Leader Prayer Team

TEACHING

The ability to understand, apply and communicate clearly Biblical truth to those willing to learn.

Life Group Teacher Missions Team Discipleship Training Leader Camp Volunteer Men's Bible Study Leader Criminal Justice Ministry AWANA Leader Women's Bible Study Leader Worship / Arts Ministry College Ministry Deaf Ministry* Drama Ministry Hispanic Ministry** Men's Ministry Team Women's Ministry Team Preschool Volunteer Puppet Ministry / Children's Ministry Celebrate Recovery*

Wedding Team

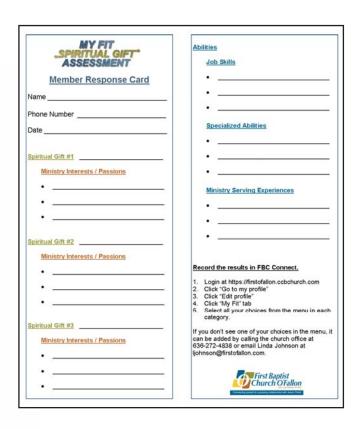
Member Response Sheet

It is important for every Christian to discover and develop the spiritual gifts that God has given them. So as to better help you serve the Lord Jesus at First Baptist Church of O'Fallon, please complete this worksheet. On the space below, list the three spiritual gifts with the highest numbers.

1	 	 	
2	 	 	
3.			

Carefully study the ministry opportunities that relate to the spiritual gifts that you listed above (pages 9-12 of the assessment booklet). Indicate the ministry areas that might interest you.

Gift #1	
	Ministry Interests:
	A
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Gift #2	
	Ministry Interests:
	A
	В
	C
Gift #3	
	Ministry Interests:
	A
	В
	C.



Thank you for your time and desire to discover God's will for your life. Every member of the Body of Christ is a minister and missionary. You are important to God and to First Baptist Church of O'Fallon.

<u>Please complete the Member Response Card attached to the back cover and record the results in FBC Connect</u>.

Heart

Fill out the passion tables on the following pages, keeping in mind what you have a heart for or what motivates you the most.

General Passions: What do I love to do?

Check the top three:

Area	Definition
Design/Develop	I love to make something out of nothing. I enjoy getting something started from scratch.
Pioneer	I love to test and try out new concepts. I am not afraid to risk failure.
Organize	I love to bring order out of chaos. I enjoy organizing something that is already started.
Operate/Maintain	I love to efficiently maintain something that is already organized.
Serve/Help	I love to assist others in their responsibility. I enjoy helping others succeed.
Acquire/Possess	I love to shop, collect or obtain things. I enjoy getting the highest quality for the best price.
Excel	I love to be the best and make my team the best. I enjoy setting and attaining the highest standards.
Influence	I love to convert people to my way of thinking. I enjoy shaping the attitudes and behaviors of others.
Perform	I love to be on stage and receive the attention of others. I enjoy being in the limelight.
Improve	I love to make things better. I enjoy taking something that someone else has designed or started and improve it.
Repair	I love to fix what is broken or change what is out of date.
Lead/Be in Charge	I love to lead the way, oversee and supervise. I enjoy determining how things will be done.
Persevere	I love to see things to completion. I enjoy persisting at something until it is finished.
Follow the rules	I love to operate by policies and procedures. I enjoy meeting the expectations of an organization or boss.
Prevail	I love to fight for what is right and oppose what is wrong. I enjoy overcoming injustice.
Other	

Heart

People Passion: What group of people do I most like to help? Check three:

People Group	People Group	People Group
Infants	Career Women	Unemployed
Divorced	Parents	Single Parents
Teen Mothers	Prisoners	Children
Widowed	Young Married	Empty Nesters
Elderly	Teens	Poor
Students	Singles	College Students
Senior Singles	Refugees	Disabled
Homeless	Hospitalized	Imprisoned
Other:		

Issue Passion: What issue or cause do I feel most strongly about? Check three

Issue Group	Issue Group	Issue Group
Discipleship	Education	Health Care
Church	AIDS	Addictions
Poverty	Homosexuality	Racism
Technology	Literacy	Environment
Violence	Economic	Abortion
Child Care	Injustice	Reaching the Lost
Hunger	Politics	International
Family	Missions	Equality of Women
Other	-	

What energizes you?	
How do you spend your time?	
The church issues, ministries or possible needs that excite or concern me most:	
If I knew I couldn't fail, this is what I would attempt to do for God with my life:	

Abilities

Abilities: What are my specialized abilities?

Check top four abilities:

Ability
Entertaining ability • to perform, act, dance, speak
Recruiting ability • to enlist and motivate people to get involved
Interviewing ability • to discover what others are really like
Researching ability • to read, gather information, collect data
Artistic ability • to conceptualize, picture, draw, paint, photograph, or make renderings
Graphics ability • to lay out, design, create visual displays or banners
Evaluating ability • to analyze data and draw conclusions
Planning ability • to strategize, design and organize programs and events
Managing ability • to supervise people to accomplish a task or event and coordinate the details involved
Counseling ability •to listen, encourage and guide with sensitivity
Teaching ability • to explain, train, demonstrate, tutor
Writing ability • to write articles, letters, books
Editing ability • to proofread or rewrite
Repairing ability • to fix, restore, maintain
Feeding ability • to create meals for large or small Group
Recall ability • to remember or recall names and faces
Mechanical Operating ability • to operate equipment, tools or machinery
Resourceful ability • to search out and find inexpensive materials or resources needed
Counting ability • to work with numbers, data or money
Classifying ability • to systematize and file books, data, records, etc., so they can be retrieved easily
Public Relations ability • to handle complaints and unhappy customers with care and courtesy
Welcoming ability • to convey warmth, develop rapport, making others feel comfortable
Composing ability • to write music or lyrics
Landscaping ability • to do gardening and work with plants
Decorating ability (Arts/crafts) • to beautify a setting for a special event
Musical ability • to lead the church family vocally or instrumentally
Other:

Personality

It's obvious that God has not used a cookie cutter to stamp out people in a process of uniformity. He loves variety just look around. We need variety to balance the church. In order to know how to most effectively work with others it is important to know about yourself. Knowing a few key aspects of your personality will help you to know how you will best work within a ministry.

Some of the key aspects of your personality to consider are where your primary source of energy comes from, how you prefer to take in information, how you prefer to make decisions and how you prefer to organize your life. Review the following pages and identify which of each category with which you more closely relate.

What are the four words to describe your personality (from tables)?

Sensor/Intuitive Introvert/Extrovert Thinker/Feeler Judger/Perceiver

Check the ones that describe you. Then tally the numbers to determine which personality trait describes you.

SENSOR VS. INTUITIVE			
The Sensor The iNtuitive			
Characteristics of the S	Characteristics of the N		
Prefer specific answers to specific questions.	Think about several things at once.		
Like concentrating on what they're doing at the moment. Want jobs that have tangible results. Believe that "If it's not broken, why fix it?" Love working with facts and figures instead of ideas and theories. Very literal in their use of words. See the trees not the forest. End statements with a definite period.	Love the future and its possibilities. Believe time is relative. Enjoy problem solving. Ask "What does that mean?" Give general answers to questions. Skip instructions and follow hunches. See the forest, not the trees. Like to fantasize about spending their money. End statements with a dash, not a period.		
Humor of the S	Humor of the N		
Grounded in reality and so is their humor.	Love the pun.		
Joke telling is sequential, and they don't like gaps.	Have a habit of leaving things out.		

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EXTROVERT VS. INTROVERT			
The Extrovert The Introvert			
Characteristics of the E	Characteristics of the I		
Talk first, think later.	Rehearse things before saying them.		
"Look" with mouth instead of eyes.	Enjoy being by themselves.		
Know a lot of people (most are close friends).	Great listeners.		
Enjoy a noisy environment.	Understate points.		
Sometimes exaggerate.	Like having one or two close friends.		
Like going to parties.	Like stating thoughts and feelings without being		
Find listening more difficult than talking.	interrupted.		
Like to have the "last word."	Need "down" time.		
Noticed by other people.	Suspicious of an overly complimentary person.		
Need compliments and affirmation.	Need less verbal feedback.		
Avoid being quiet and reflective.	Carry on conversations in their mind.		
Want to settle things right now.	Process things internally.		
	Embarrassed by public recognition.		
Humor of the E	Humor of the I		
Loudest, usually the storytellers.	Love to laugh.		
Don't have to have an audience.	One-liner specialists.		
Quick on feet.			
Easily stick foot in mouth but can talk their way out of it.			

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THINKER VS. FEELER				
The Thinker	The Feeler			
Characteristics of the T	Characteristics of the F			
Remain cool, calm and objective in situations when everyone else is upset. Like to settle disputes based upon what's fair and truthful instead of what will make people happy-truth over tact. Enjoy proving a point for the sake of clarity. Think it's more important to be right than liked. More firm-minded than gentle hearted. Pride themselves on the objectivity. Respond to life as "on-lookers." More impressed with and lend more credence to things that are logical and scientific. See things in black or white.	Feel a good decision is made with the heart. Warm and considerate. Would rather that people feel good and be happy than for you to be right. Feel that "love" cannot be defined. Overextend themselves to meet the needs of others. Put themselves in other people's shoes. Enjoy providing services to others. Accused of being wishy-washy. Accommodate others for harmony over clarity. Accused of taking things too personally. Experience life as a participant.			
Humor of the T	Humor of the F			
Ability to laugh at things that cause difficulty.	Get into all the interpersonal relationship stuff.			
Founders of the good news-bad news jokes. F's don't usually like jokes that make fun of others				

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JUDGER VS. PERCEIVER				
The Judger	The Perceiver			
Characteristics of the J	Characteristics of the P			
Always waiting for others who never seem to be on time. Work now, play later. Want everything in its place. Follow a schedule. Do not like surprises. Like life under control. Need clear limits. Thrive on order. Sometimes falsely accused of being angry. Relax when the task is done. Feel that getting there is the most important part of the	Feel that time is "relative." Easily distracted. Don't plan tasks. Don't believe "neatness counts." Love to explore the unknown. Like a fun lifestyle. Depend on last minute spurts of energy. Change the subject in a conversation. Make things less than definite. Feel that the "process" of getting there is the most important part of the trip.			
trip.				
Humor of the J	Humor of the P			
J's aren't funny.	Spontaneous humor.			
	Superb at taking whatever has happened and converting it to something funny.			

Experiences



One of the most overlooked factors in determining the ministry God has for me is my past experience, particularly the hurts and problems I've overcome with God's help. Since our greatest life messages come out of our weakness, not our strengths, we should pay close attention to what we've learned in the "school of hard knocks."

Consider the following verses:

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

Romans 8:28 "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose."

Philippians 1:12 "Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the advancement of the gospel."

From these verses, what does the Bible tell us about our experiences?
What experiences have you had that can help others?
Spiritual , Hebrews 5:12-14 "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of God's revelation. You need milk, not solid food. Now everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature-for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil."
Painful , 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God."
Educational, Proverbs 4:13 "Hold on to instruction; don't let go. Guard it, for it is your life."
Work, Proverbs 14:23 "There is profit in all hard work, but endless talk leads only to poverty."
Ministry , 2 Corinthians 9:13 "Through the proof of this service, they will glorify God for your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with others."



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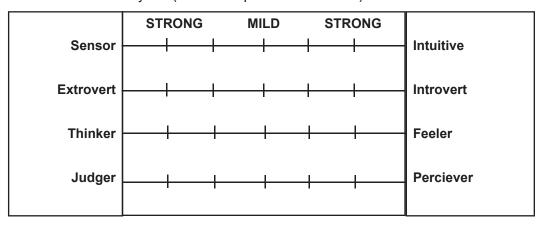
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- My current vocation is:

- 2. Other jobs or skills in which I have experience:
- 3. I feel I have these specialized abilities (from list in workbook):

PERSONALITY

This is how I see myself (circle one point on each line):



EXPERIENCES

MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

This is how and when I became a Christian, and what is has meant to me since then:
Times when I have felt closest to God and meaningful, spiritual experiences that stand out in my mind:



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